

Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application

Listing of Claims:

1. (currently amended) A method of cutting sheet material comprising the steps of:
 - (a) engaging a first side of the sheet material with a first crack initiator having a high rake angle, the crack initiator extending from a first cutter base having a low rake angle;
 - (b) simultaneously engaging a second side of the sheet material with a second cutter;
 - (c) generating a first crack in the first side of the sheet material with the first crack initiator;
 - (d) engaging the sheet material with the cutter base of the first cutter by moving the first cutter perpendicular to the sheet material; and
 - (e) further propagating the first crack using a rake edge of the cutter base, thereby disengaging the first crack initiator of the first cutter from contact with the sheet material, the sheet material comprises a laminated web structure and the first crack initiator has a height that is greater than a thickness of a protective laminate or coating on the first side of the laminated web structure.
2. (previously presented) A method as recited in claim 1 further comprising the step of:

continuing to propagate the crack through to the second side of the sheet material using a rake edge of the cutter base.
3. (original) A method as recited in claim 1 further comprising the step of:
 - (a) generating a second crack in the second side of the sheet material with the second cutter; and
 - (b) propagating the first crack to intersect with the crack propagating from the second cutter.
4. (original) A method as recited in claim 1 wherein:

the second cutter includes a second crack initiator extending from a second cutter base.

5. (cancelled).

6. (original) A method as recited in claim 4 wherein:
the second crack initiator has a height that is greater than a thickness of a laminate or protective coating on the second side of the laminated web structure.

7. (original) A method as recited in claim 1 wherein:
the high rake angle of the first crack initiator is in the range of from about 30° to about 70°.

8. (original) A method as recited in claim 7 wherein:
the low rake angle of the cutter base of the first cutter is at least about 15° less than the high rake angle of the crack initiator.

9. (original) A method as recited in claim 4 wherein:
the high rake angle of the second crack initiator is in the range of from about 30° to about 70°.

10. (original) A method as recited in claim 8 wherein:
the crack initiator has a relief angle greater than 0° and not more than about 30°.

11. (original) A method as recited in claim 10 wherein:
the cutter base of the first cutter has a relief angle of not more than about 30°.

12. (canceled)

13. (canceled)

14. (canceled)

15. (previously presented) A method as recited in claim 1 wherein:
the sheet material comprises a laminated web structure and
the first crack initiator has a height that is greater than a thickness of a
protective coating on the first side of the laminated web structure and is at least 15
 μm .
16. (previously presented) A method as recited in claim 1 wherein:
the sheet material comprises a laminated web structure and
the first crack initiator has a height that is greater than a thickness of a
protective coating on the first side of the laminated web structure and is at least 20
 μm .
17. (original) A method as recited in claim 7 wherein:
the high rake angle of the crack initiator is not less than about 40° .
18. (original) A method as recited in claim 17 wherein:
the high rake angle of the crack initiator is not less than about 45° .
19. – 28. (canceled).